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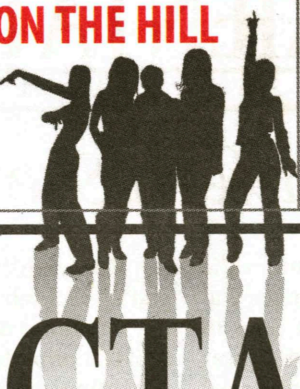

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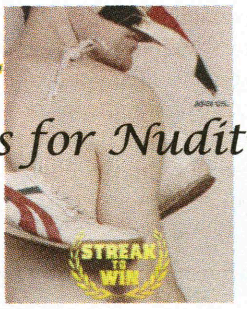

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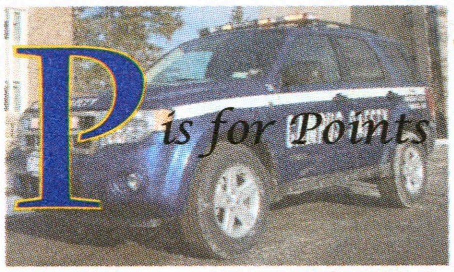

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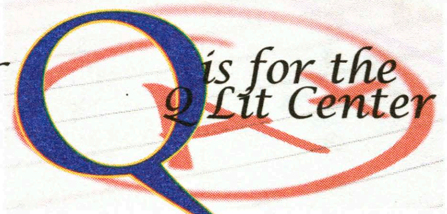

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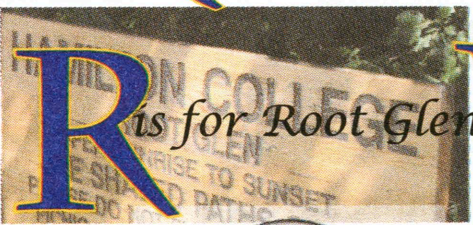

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A letter from President Stewart

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Dear Members of the Class of 2016,

I have been thinking and writing lately about change, especially the changes occurring in American higher education and the pressures on colleges and universities that result from evolving technological, financial and demographic realities – not to mention the dramatic changes that college occasions in the lives of first-year students. Your arrival this month on College Hill is one of the most momentous — and will undoubtedly be one of the most memorable – events in your own lives.

You are entering a college with a 200-year history: indeed, you have the distinction of being the first class to matriculate in Hamilton's third century. We on College Hill – teachers, coaches, staff and administrators – will do our best to help you develop the skills and knowledge you will need for a satisfying intellectual life and for success in a rapidly changing world.

Realizing that you may well end up in a job that today does not yet even exist, please keep in mind the importance of developing strong writing and speaking skills along with the habits of mind that will help you adapt: critical thinking, thoughtful analysis and inquiry and an appreciation of human differences. And not just habits of mind, but also habits of the heart.

I hope that you will practice compassion and civility and perhaps develop a healthy sense of irony! Welcome, dear members of the Class of 2016, to Hamilton. For some of us, it can take a little time to feel at home at college, but soon enough you will be learning lessons for life and making friends for life.

Sincerely yours,

Joan Hinde Stewart

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A letter from us to you

Class of 2016:

Welcome! We, at *The Spectator*, hope that move-in was easy, your roommate is friendly and you're not feeling too homesick yet. As you gear up for your first year at Hamilton, *The Spectator* staff wants to help you navigate life here on the Hill. Whether you're sitting with your AA friends around a Commons table or waiting for another presentation to start in Wellin, we hope this issue makes you feel a little more comfortable during your transition to college life.

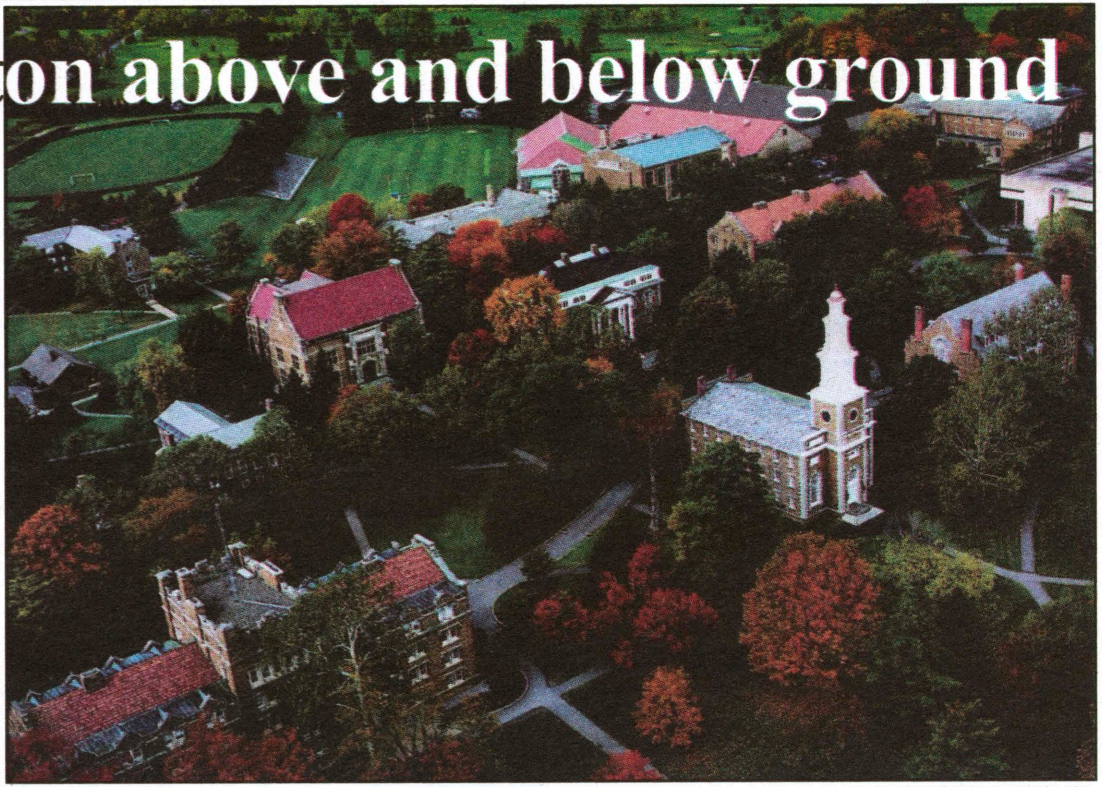
In keeping with the orientation theme, we decided that this issue should approach the fundamentals of life at Hamilton, the ABC's, if you will. Fundamentals are built on history, so turn to page three to learn about life on the Hill from the nineteenth century to the present. If you're itching to catch up on last year's headlines, read pages four and five. Seasoned Hamilton upperclassmen offer you their advice on pages six and seven. Parents putting on career pressure already? Look to page 14 for some advice about Hamilton's Career Center. Leaf through the pages, you might be surprised with what you find. A lot of information will be thrown at you in the coming week, but don't worry if you miss something here or there. It won't take too long for Hamilton to feel like home.

The Spectator is Hamilton's weekly newspaper. We are a completely student-run operation. Every writer, editor and photographer works to best represent Hamilton's student body. If there's something you feel is missing from our issue, feel free to write about it! Make sure you pick up *The Spec* as you walk into a dining hall or when you're heading to class in KJ or the Science Center. If you're all about going green- read a digital copy of the paper online and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to catch things our print issue couldn't fit.

So if you begin to feel overwhelmed by your over-caffeinated Orientation Leaders, remember the fundamentals. A. Hamilton is full of opportunities. B. You now have the freedom to choose those opportunities. C. Time on the Hill is short: make the most of it.

-*The Spectator* Staff

A history of Hamilton above and below ground



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Hamilton's chapel has served a plethora of functions for Hamiltonians since 1827.

by Nathaniel Livingston '14
Arts and Entertainment Editor

It takes but a cursory survey of Hamilton's campus to see the evidence of 200 years of history. The cramped but cozy Kirkland Cottage, where the new class of 2016 will matriculate; the dignified steeple of the Chapel, first opened in 1827 to flocks of religious-minded students; Martin's Way, the campus length promenade that since 1978 has unified the Hamilton and Kirkland sides of campus; and the graveyard, where prominent Hamilton figures are interred with honor in the ground.

Kirkland Cottage, once the home of Samuel Kirkland, is now the site of matriculation for all Hamilton students.

As well as being a nice place for a stroll, the graveyard is a memorial for those whose contribution to the founding of the school is irrefutable. Chief Skenandoa of the Oneida tribe lies next to the grave of Samuel Kirkland, the missionary and founder of the Kirkland-Oneida Academy that eventually became Hamilton College. Kirkland established the school in 1793 on the New York State frontier with the goal of educating the native Oneida population in the English classical tradition. The school successfully taught many native Clinton settlers, but only a handful of Oneida men graduated.

The Kirkland-Oneida Academy was officially chartered as Hamilton College in 1812. An all-boys college, the school required its incoming students to have a working knowledge of Latin and the bible.

The curriculum was rigid and inflexible – everyone took the same classes in the same order, and there were no electives. Rhetoric was a highly coveted skill, and students were made to verbally repeat lessons and memorize bible verses. Mandatory Chapel was a twice-daily ritual where students were able to exercise their public speaking skills and win the admiration and respect of their fellow classmates.

Tradition has always been an important part of Hamilton identity.

A cannon donated by former secretary of state, Elihu Root class of 1864.

One tradition involved the emptying out of the College Chapel. At the end of the service, each class would exit the Chapel according to class year. The seniors always left first, followed by juniors, then sophomores, and lastly the freshman.

Once a year, perhaps to teach the green students a lesson, perhaps as a bawdy contrast to the dour Protestant services, the Sophomore class would suddenly about face and bar the exit to the chapel. The freshman class would be forced to tackle its way out of the chapel lest they be confined to the Chapel. The resulting brawl would inevitably spill out in front of the chapel, and a massive, school-wide melee would commence beneath the dignified gaze of Alexander Hamilton.

Last semester's bicentennial celebrations saw a swelling of interest in the 200 years of Hamilton tradition and history. A time capsule was opened from 1871, and one was put fresh in the ground to be opened in the year 2112. Time capsules are an honored and timeworn tradition at Hamilton, and hundreds are still buried beneath the campus grounds.

An archaeological dig was also started in the backyard of Edward North's old house. North, known as "Old Greek," taught Greek at Hamilton from 1843-1903. The site is rich with history. The excavation has revealed a collapsed gazebo and an inscribed stone dated to the dawn of the 20th century. The site also has associations with Samuel Kirkland, who planted a tree there to mark the property line between Oneida and settler lands. Further excavations on site will continue to reveal details about Hamilton's history.

Traditions evolve and change over time, but some things remain constant. With fewer than 100 graduates per year in the early days of the College to a current student body of around 1,800, its small size and low student to faculty ratio will most likely remain one of Hamilton's most endearing hallmarks. The 10,000th student mark was reached in 1952 after 140 years of College life, which is less than some schools' incoming freshman class. The most persistent things are those of the spirit.

The drive to succeed, the good name that comes with graduating Hamilton College, and the meaning of four years on the Hill will remain a profound influence on every student who dwells here.

Christine Roback '12, Nathan Livingston '14 and Catherine Prescott '12 participated in Hamilton's own on-campus archaeological dig.

What you missed!

As you were writing your college applications, cramming for AP tests and enjoying your last high school days, a lot of exciting stuff happened on the Hill. The Spec staff wanted to help you catch up by offering a comprehensive summary of front page news from last year's *Spectator*.

Hamilton celebrates its bicentennial year

by Allison Eck '12
Editor Emeritus

If President Joan Hinde Stewart is Hamilton's queen, then Professor of History Maurice Isserman is its king. Last year he published "On the Hill," a 400-page tribute to Hamilton's history and a mammoth undertaking. The book was a key component of the College's 200th birthday celebration, which spanned the course of the year, and continues on this fall.

In May 2011, Isserman told *The Spectator* that the book was an honest account of the College's past—one that would help it look toward the future.

"The readers of the book will be grown-ups, and they don't want a sentimental trip down memory lane; they want to actually understand something about the institution. But it is still a very positive account of Hamilton, and I hope that people will see my affection for the institution. But it's also a critical account and has a critical distance, as any historian's account should have."

Other long-term projects involved in the bicentennial celebration were the Alumni Review's publication of the "200 Days" issue—a special edition that enlisted student help in documenting 200 days of life on and off the Hill—and the construction of the Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art, which will be dedicated Friday, Oct. 5 at 5:30 p.m. as part of Fallcoming Weekend. The Museum is one leg of an effort to revamp the arts at Hamilton through renovation of arts facilities. Another "Bicentennial Initiative" was the acquisition of resources for the College's fledgling need-blind policy—of particular meaning to first-years.

Some aspects of the bicentennial celebration were more ceremonial. The Bicentennial Kick-Off Celebration (Sept. 22-25, 2011) featured an assembly, with great speakers, the premiere of the film Hamilton: The First 200 Years, and funky music provided by the ever-entertaining Professor of Music Sam Pellman. There was also the dedication of the Edward and Virginia Taylor Science Center, the opening of an 1871 time capsule, and more. And then on May 28, just a few months ago, Hamilton turned the big two-double-oh; during that week, Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand introduced a resolution to commemorate the 200th anniversary and to celebrate the college's sustained commitment to its charter.

If that wasn't enough, President Stewart and other Hamilton representatives rang the New York Stock Exchange Closing Bell on May 24.

But what does this all mean? Many students have reflected on the various commitments Hamilton has made over the years to tradition and to an all-encompassing education. President Stewart spoke often about student-faculty relationships and the cultivation of a life rich with meaning. Other pockets of Hamilton pride popped up along the way: the Nesbitt-Johnston Writing Center (a Hamilton hallmark) celebrated its 25th birthday in May. In January, Josie Jones '12 discovered that she is a direct descendant of George Albion Calhoun, the College's first graduate in 1814. Students in the Archaeology of Hamilton's Founding course dug for buried artifacts and lore (see page 3). The Washington Post's "College, Inc." blog featured Hamilton's creative new admission poster, a giant QR code.

Has Hamilton changed much in 200 years? Isserman think yes—and no.

He told *The Spectator* last year, "In some ways nothing has changed.... At the same time, everything has changed. Everything is the same but everything is different."

That could be because each class has its own personality and each era has its own spirit. So as the first class to enter after the bicentennial, maybe it's up to you to decide what the beginning of our next 200 years will look like.

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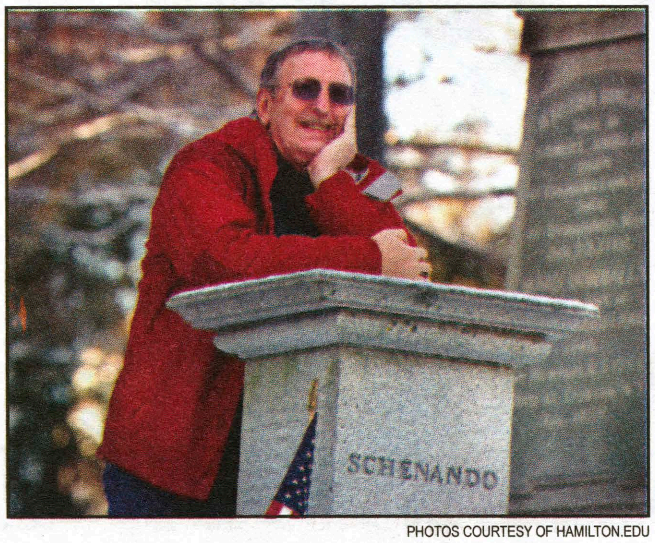
Hamiltonians ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange.



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Isserman's 2012 book, *On the Hill*, corresponded with Hamilton's bicentennial celebration.

Scan the QR Code above or go to http://www.hamilton.edu/magazine/200days to check out the full article in the Hamilton Alumni Review.

Acts of vandalism unite the campus community

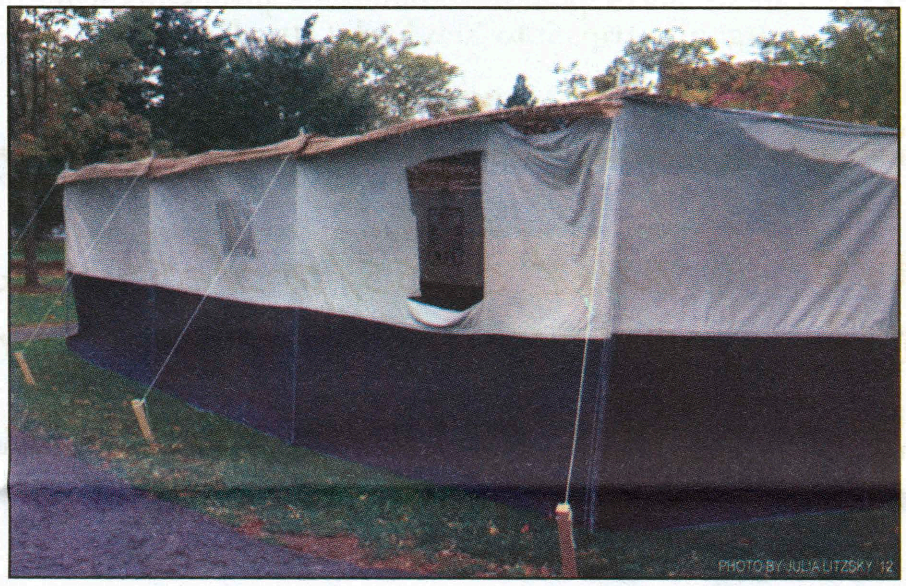
By Taylor Coe '13
Creative Director

In the weeks following Spring Break, the Hamilton campus witnessed an anonymous protest, based around the hanging of a banner in Beineke over Martin's Way, with the explicitly accusatory phrase 'Stop Breaking Sh*t.'

The banner represented the impatience of the community at what had become a major uptick in vandalism on the Hill. Over the past couple semesters, the campus has witnessed not only acts of random destruction, but also acts of targeted destruction and malice.

Two years ago, someone defaced a Rainbow Alliance poster with a gay slur. Over Fall Break last October, a hole was slashed into the sukkah erected on-campus for the Jewish holiday, Sukkot. Hamilton fans at a soccer game last fall were heard shouting racial slurs at Tufts players.

While these incidents all fostered meaningful discussion about social issues on campus, the incident that truly united the campus was the breaking of the sliding glass panel outside Opus 1 last February.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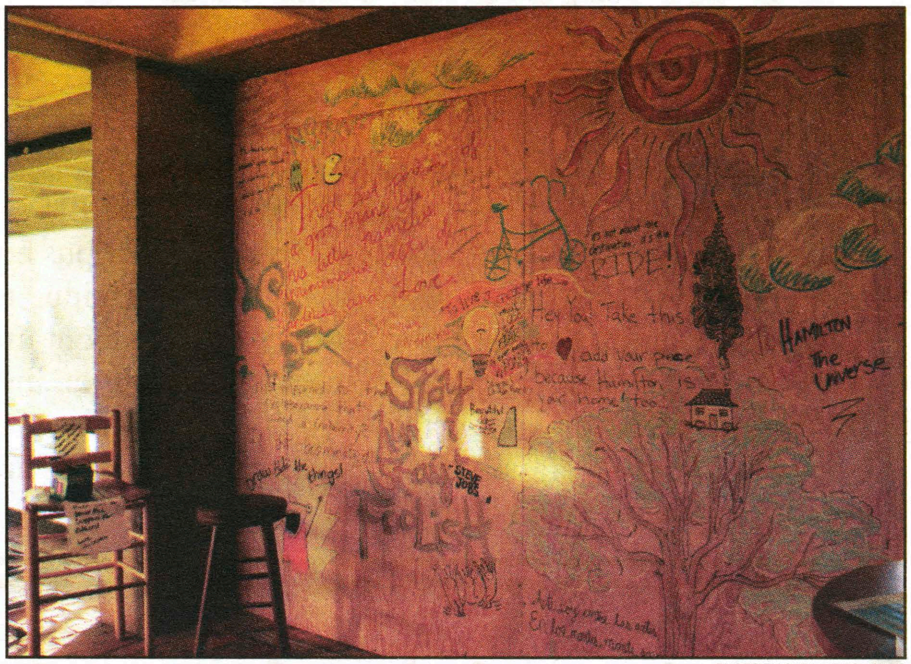

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At left, the sukkah slashed last October; above, the plywood panel in Opus 1 decorated by messages left by community members last February.

Community members used the plywood panel set over the missing glass as a colorful, funny message board. The writings included jokes, drawings, and inspirational quotes such as "That best portion of a good man's life; his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love."

On the heels of the community message board in Opus came the calculated protest, with its straightforward directive. Following the protest, instances of vandalism noticeably fell off on the campus.

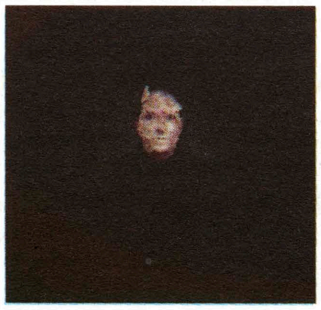
Marina Abramović speaks about performance art

by Rachel Lieb '13
Editor-in-Chief

The conclusion of the spring 2012 semester marked another year without a Sacerdote Great Names Speaker. The speaker series, which has brought prominent figures like John Stewart and Condoleezza Rice to campus, could not acquire a speaker last year. However, a great name of a different sort visited campus last February: performance artist Marina Abramović. Abramović was invited to campus as a part of the Visiting Artist Series.

The Serbian-born artist gave a multimedia presentation to a captivated audience in Wellin Hall, not only discussing her own art but other artists she admired. Abramović uses her body as the focal point of her pieces. She explained, "It just came to me one day, like revelation, that I can use my own body, like a pencil."

Her commitment to her art, often physically or psychologically sacrificing herself for the sake of a piece, inspired the audience to pursue their own goals more ardently. Though her talk only last a couple of hours, she left the audience with enough to think about for a lifetime.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Abramović's work features performance art using her body such as the Golden Mask, pictured left.

Alcohol remains a central on-campus topic

By Taylor Coe '13
Creative Director

The past two semesters kept students drinking on campus a little more on their toes. As of last year, many students began to feel a greater Campus Safety presence at on-campus parties. They appeared more willing to ID students at parties with alcohol present and take down students' names.

The issue of alcohol on the Hamilton campus—or any college campus for that matter—is not a new one. But in recent years, collegiate drinking culture has become a hot button topic at Hamilton, thanks in part to growing worries about binge drinking among young people on the national level and several instances of vandalism on campus. Last year saw Dean of Students Nancy Thompson organize two 'town hall meetings' to discuss the problems presented by alcohol on campus, allowing community members to weigh in on the issue.

Thompson, along with Hamilton students, parents and alumni, also participated in a discussion last September co-led by Barret Seaman '67, the president of Choose Responsibility, a non-profit dedicated to reforming the national drinking age. Seaman is also the author of Binge: What Your College Student Won't Tell You, a study documenting drinking culture at 12 colleges across the U.S.

"No one that I know of has found a really successful way of dealing with this problem," said Thompson towards the end of the discussion. "Bad things that happen often happen around alcohol. And they're still happening."

"No one that I know of has found a really successful way of dealing with this problem." -
Nancy Thompson, Dean of Students

The College has taken several steps towards shifting the dangerous alcohol culture on campus, including the hard alcohol policy instituted in 2009, which banned hard alcohol on campus. Another step—discontinued this year—was the required showing of the documentary HAZE during first-year orientation last year; the film depicted the death of University of Colorado at Boulder student Gordie Bailey due to a hazing incident involving alcohol in 2004.

The discussion will likely continue on campus this year as administrators and students continue to seek practical solutions to the dangerous problem posed by alcohol.

Your questions — answered

We've aggregated a sampling of advice from rising sophomores, juniors and seniors—many of whom know the ins and outs of everything from student activities to campus hot spots. As the year goes on, *The Spectator* will continue to work hard to bring you the information you need about life as a Continental and Al Ham aficionado. We hope you find these pointers useful, and that you reach out to upperclassmen in your hall or classes if you need help. Most of us are friendly and more than happy to lend an ear.

What do you wish you had known when you first came to Hamilton?

"The dark side/light side thing doesn't matter! Do not worry about which 'side' you're on, it's the people and your own choices that will make college amazing, not your dorm."

"You don't have to be involved in everything —you just have to enjoy what you're doing."

"There are lots of great opportunities to travel to Montreal, New York City, and Boston. You don't have to stay in "the bubble" of Hamilton's campus all the time. You can take a plane, bus, or train; you can always carpool too. Sometimes professors will organize trips into New York City... Have fun!"

"It's gonna get cold."

What advice do you have for incoming first-years?

"Take a wide range of classes in your first two years, even if you don't think you'll like them. Also, don't be afraid to ask professors for help. The more you talk to them and go to them with questions, the better off you will be in the long run. It helps that most professors are just awesome to talk to anyway."

"Go to office hours! Not only will you understand material better and become motivated, but you'll get to know professors and, most importantly, they'll get to know you! And that can help you out (recommendations, random opportunities, etc)."

"Take advantage of the faculty. Talk to your professors and visit the offices. There isn't a single person at Hamilton that doesn't want you to succeed. But you have to reach out first."

"Don't be shy! Talk to everyone and get out there. The more things you get involved in, the more fun you'll have and the more you'll learn about yourself."

"Get to McEwen early for dinner, before all of the forks run out!"

"Try many activities to find the one like you best. The upperclassmen will show you the way. Explore the campus and find your favorite spots. Indulge on walks through the glen, they have special healing powers. Don't spend all your laundry money at Opus."

"Don't be afraid to try taking a class you wouldn't normally consider- sometimes that's the best way to discover a new interest or meet cool people you wouldn't have met otherwise."

"Reach out to people! Study more than you think you need to. The beginning of college can seem like a cooler version of high school, but trust me, there's WAY more work than you think there is."

"Can't find an organization for you?! Create your own! Whatever you do, be bold, be assertive, & be yourself—there's a niche for everyone on the hill!"

"Say 'yes' to everything (unless it harms you or someone else)."

"Talk to your RA. They're generally pretty awesome people. If yours isn't, talk to your friend's RAs."

What class/professor wou
recommend to incoming first-

"Genetics and Society with Garrett. I think the name has changed for this
great/unique class and combines science and the humanities. I learned a lot a
history regarding genetic discoveries and the effect those discoveries have ha
ment/understanding as humans."

"If you're up for a challenge, take Bio 115 with Gapp and Smythe - they're abs

"Definitely take a class with Jane Springer. She is a very approachable pro
Writing. She often teaches Study of Poetry and the Intro Creative Writing cl

"Any class with Professor Janack- she is an incredible professor who knows so
you to develop your critical thinking and public speaking skills through round-t

"Brain and behavior - really hard, but very interesting! The Culture and Histo
dack Park. International Decision Making."

"Proseminar in Art History with Pokinski or McEnroe. It's a good, challengin
that won't tank your GPA if you put in the effort."

"Professor Franklin's Introduction to Existentialism! It's definitely one of th
year classes but you will learn an enormous amount about yourself as both a thi

"Introduction to Russian or the American Political Process are always great
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"I would recommend Professor Peische. She is awesome! I took her Crime,
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"Also any professor in the physics department. The entire department is so
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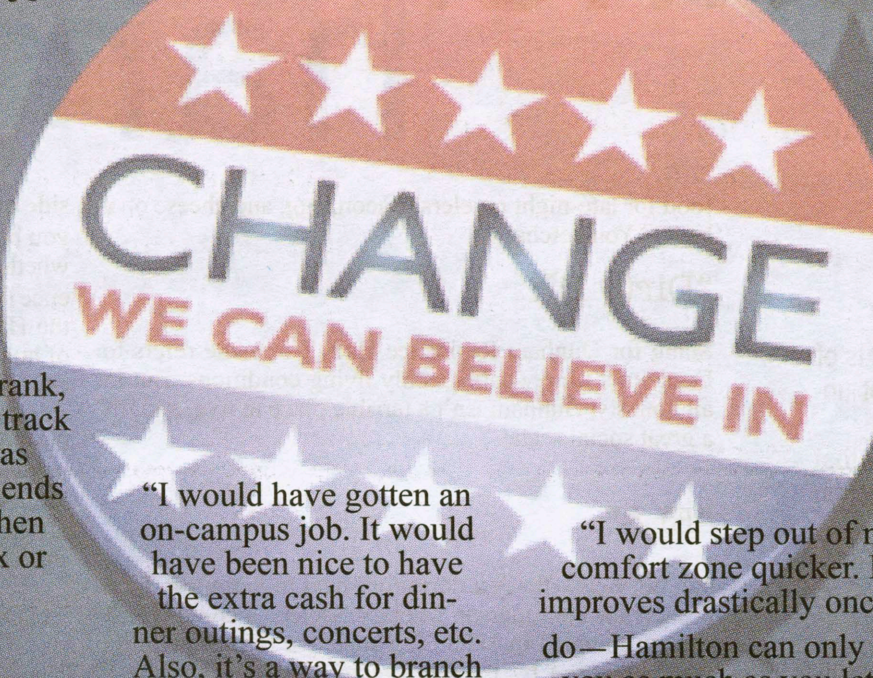
If you could go back and change any part of your Hamilton experience, what would it be?



"I wouldn't change a thing."

"When I went out and drank, I wish I could have kept track of all the alcohol I was consuming. Have friends look out for you when you're at the Annex or wherever."

"I would have gotten an on-campus job. It would have been nice to have the extra cash for dinner outings, concerts, etc. Also, it's a way to branch out and meet even more people."

"I would step out of my comfort zone quicker. Life improves drastically once you do—Hamilton can only teach you as much as you let it."

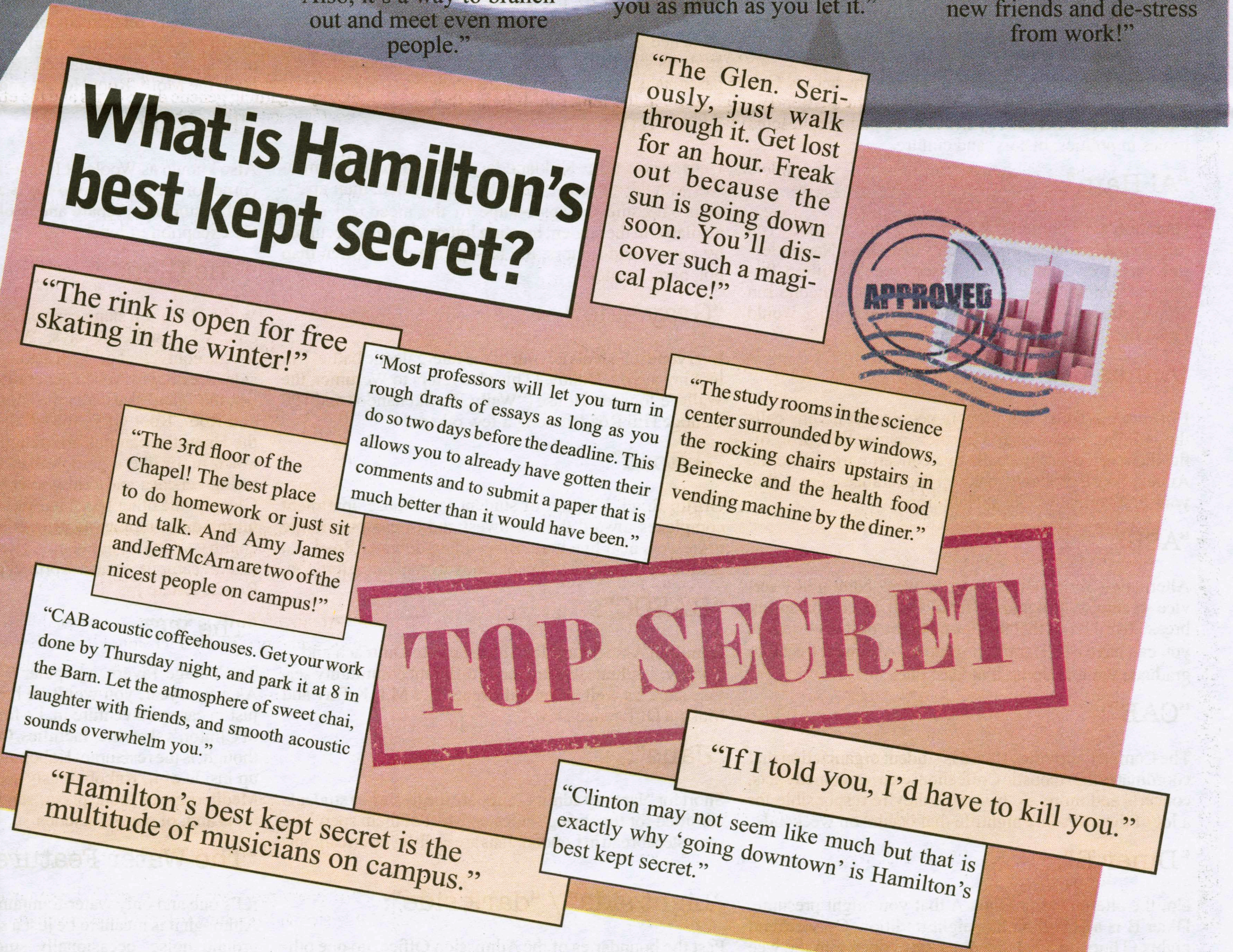
"I would join more organizations and activities. It's my time spent working together and enjoying activities that I remember more vividly than my time spent in the library."

"I would have introduced myself to more upperclassmen from the beginning. They are really nice and most of them love meeting freshmen."

"I wouldn't have gone abroad for a whole year—I missed too much time on the Hill."

"Go on more outing club trips on the weekends-they're a great way to make new friends and de-stress from work!"

What is Hamilton's best kept secret?



"The rink is open for free skating in the winter!"

"The Glen. Seriously, just walk through it. Get lost for an hour. Freak out because the sun is going down soon. You'll discover such a magical place!"

"Most professors will let you turn in rough drafts of essays as long as you do so two days before the deadline. This allows you to already have gotten their comments and to submit a paper that is much better than it would have been."

"The study rooms in the science center surrounded by windows, the rocking chairs upstairs in Beinecke and the health food vending machine by the diner."

"The 3rd floor of the Chapel! The best place to do homework or just sit and talk. And Amy James and Jeff McArn are two of the nicest people on campus!"

"CAB acoustic coffeehouses. Get your work done by Thursday night, and park it at 8 in the Barn. Let the atmosphere of sweet chai, laughter with friends, and smooth acoustic sounds overwhelm you."

"Hamilton's best kept secret is the multitude of musicians on campus."

"If I told you, I'd have to kill you."

"Clinton may not seem like much but that is exactly why 'going downtown' is Hamilton's best kept secret."

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by Taylor Coe '13
Creative Director
and Allison Eck '12
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Language at Hamilton is littered with all sorts of terms that an outsider probably would not understand. Here's a definitive guide to Hamilton slang, acronyms and abbreviations that should make you feel sufficiently well-versed when talking to your peers or professors.

"AHI":

Don't look for the AHI on a campus map, because you won't find it. AHI—the Alexander Hamilton Institute—is located at 21 West Park Row down in Clinton. Despite not being run by the College, many students and professors participate in AHI programs, especially the annual Colloquium, at which students and professors from not only Hamilton but other nearby institutions gather to discuss topics in politics, history, and culture.

"Al Ham":

Hamilton's tri-cornered-hat-wearing pig mascot. You might spot him at sporting events, the Great Names lecture series, or even at Silent Disco (see "Hamilton Traditions" article, page 3). You see, having someone run around dressed as an actual Continental soldier would be no fun. So we've got Al Ham instead.

"Annex":

I'm sure the Tolles were lovely people, but no one calls the building they donated by their name. Except in official circles, everyone calls this concert/party space the Annex. You'll probably make an appearance there within your first couple weeks at Hamilton.

"ASB":

Alternative Spring Break is a one-week community service excursion program offered both weeks of spring break. Word has it that this is one of the best experiences you can have as a Hamilton student—you won't want to graduate without doing it at least once.

"CAB":

The Campus Activities Board is student organization that coordinates the Acoustic Coffeehouse series, comedy acts, concerts and more. So basically, they're responsible for a lot of the awesome nightlife that occurs on weekends.

"Diner B":

Not the alternative to Diner A that you might presume, Diner B is a Hamilton late night tradition. On weekend nights (Thurs. to Sat.), the diner stays open into the wee hours of the morning (3 a.m.) to provide greasy breakfast food for late-night revelers. Bacon, egg, and cheese on a bagel? You betcha.

"Dirty D":

Slang for Dunham Residence Hall. The name refers to Dunham's somewhat slovenly living conditions. But in all honesty, Dunham isn't a terrible place to live, and it's a great social scene.

"ELS":

No, not Eels—that's a dormitory next to Ferguson. ELS is short for the Emerson Literary Society, a co-ed Greek society founded in 1882. The society's former building was purchased by the College in 1995 and became a student activities center. Recently, it was renovated and reopened as the Sadove Student Center, but some older students still call it "ELS." Said older students are very passionate about calling it that.

"Fac-ap":

Once upon a time, Kirkland faculty lived in the dormitories with the students. When the faculty fled, their apartments became fac-aps—some of the nicer real estate available in the student housing lottery. Usually occupied by juniors and seniors, the fac-aps are, more often than not, party territory.

"Gray side":

Everyone who feels left out of the intergalactic battle. I'm looking at you, Bundy. [This also refers to Wertimer, the Wallace Johnson House ("Wally J"), Skenandoa and 100 College Hill Road, among a few others.]

"G Road":

Griffin Road, location of student townhouse apartment complexes toward the northwest end of campus. Some professors also live here. Bike-riding down G Road is a great way to relieve stress or enjoy a crisp fall afternoon.

"HAVOC":

Hamilton Association for Volunteering, Outreach and Charity: facilitates a number of different community service sites, as well as annual events like M.L.K Day and Make a Difference Day.

"Jans":

Short for "January admits," they are the freshmen students admitted for the spring semester. Most of them spend the semester abroad in London. Jans are well-loved on campus.

"Light side" / "dark side":

Past the boundaries of the Admission Office, no one other than the professors refers to the "South" and "North" side of campus as such. Students will raise eyebrows if you bother with such formality. The Kirkland campus—whether through gender bias or a nerdy Star Wars reference (we'll never know for sure)—is the "dark side" and the Hamilton campus is the "light side." (For the sake of humor and easy stereotypes, many Hamilton students enjoy imagining a great chasm that runs between the two sides of campus rather than the more arbitrary thoroughfare of College Hill Road, but the differences are not so many. Maybe a polo or two more on the light side and a few more Buddy Holly frames on the dark side, but these differences are less black and white and more like two shades of the same color.)

"Root":

Thanks to the generous generations of the Root family, "Root" might refer to any one of four buildings on campus or the aforementioned glen. But your best bet is the dark side dormitory named Root. There are also Root Hall, the Molly Root House, and the Elihu Root House.

"The Co-op":

Also known as Woolcott House. Located at the northeast corner of campus, the Co-Op is a unique living situation in that students prepare and cook their own meals (with the exception of lunch).

"The Glen":

While Hamilton slang can sometimes be pretty darn specific, when someone says, "Meet me in the glen later," it's the equivalent of them asking to meet you on the dark side (see above). When generally referred to in this manner, the "glen" is usually the connected glens of Kirkland and Root. Root Glen, the smaller of the two, is part of the Hamilton campus arboretum and, for that reason, is much more like a garden than the Kirkland Glen, featuring benches and neat gravel pathways. The Kirkland Glen, on the other hand, has miles of trails that allow for hiking and running, as well as snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in the winter. (Rogers Glen, on the other side of campus, is also worth exploring, as is the nearby Rogers Estate.)

"The VT":

The Village Tavern, a popular bar in downtown Clinton. As a first-year, you won't be buying anything here, but just in case you venture in, be forewarned: the VT is one of Clinton's sketchier facilities. One exciting new feature, though, is the restaurant Kabobviously, which just opened up inside of it. Kabobviously serves burgers, Greek and Mediterranean food, pizza, sandwiches, vegetarian options and, of course, kabobs.

"The Water Feature":

KJ's one and only water fountain/makeshift kiddie pool. Although it is meant to be just a source of soothing background noise, occasionally students utilize the water feature for other purposes on their late-night escapades.

People You Should Know

by Taylor Coe '12
Creative Director

Lisa Mags and Noelle Niznik

The new assistant director of student activities, Niznik will fill the shoes of Dave Eng. Niznik will help organize student events like concerts and Late Nights. Lisa Magnarelli will continue as director of student activities.

Joan Hinde Stewart

Stewart, affectionately known as "Joanie" among the students, is the president of the College. With a Ph.D. from Yale University in French, Stewart taught French at North Carolina State University and University of South Carolina before coming to Hamilton. She holds a weekly open hour in Opus I or II (usually alternating) which is open to all students, faculty and staff.

Meredith Harper Bonham

Bonham is the senior associate dean of students for strategic initiatives. No, I don't know what that means. But her role at the College includes serving as a direct assistant to President Stewart and as secretary to the board of trustees.

Travis Hill

The director of residential life, Hill has helped make decisions about your freshman year that you probably won't dismiss the importance of. Um...your roommate?

Fran Manfredo

The director of Campus Safety, Manfredo is in charge of keeping everyone happy and safe. (That and issuing parking tickets.)

Donald Carter / Allen Harrison / Steven Yao

The diversity trio, so to speak, of Carter, Harrison and Yao, contribute to fostering diversity and multiculturalism among Hamilton students and the programs at the College.

Nancy Thompson

As vice president of the College and the dean of students, Thompson is the end of the line for student affairs. Organizations ranging from campus safety to study abroad to the outdoor adventure program fall under her administration.

Patrick Reynolds

The College's new dean of faculty, Reynolds assumed his post last year after holding the office of interim dean of faculty following the departure of former dean Joe Urgo. A professor of biology at the College, Reynolds advises the president on academic personnel and oversees the different departments and the curriculum.

Monica Inzer

Should you chance to not remember her name from the deluge of paperwork that flooded your mailbox over the past six months, Inzer is the director of admissions and financial aid. You may not often run into her on campus, but you can't forget the huge role she plays in making the school what it is. (Or that we all sort of owe her.)

Campus Safety

The 411 on Hamilton's 911

There are several important safety and security issues I ask you keep in mind as you enter life at Hamilton.

When you are walking on campus avoid walking alone, when possible walk in pairs using the buddy system. If you are walking alone and feel uncomfortable for any reason at all (not if it's raining or you're cold) call Campus Safety for a safety escort.

When you're alone or asleep inside your residence hall always remember to lock and secure your doors and windows. Do not leave valuables lying around your room unsecured. Secure your valuables out of sight in a safe location within your room.

When you leave your residence hall room, even for a short period of time, always, always lock the door behind you. I cannot stress this point enough as it only takes seconds for an unwelcome visitor to enter your room.

Never leave your laptop unattended in an unsecure area. Laptops are common on campus and an individual can easily conceal it and walk away without attracting attention.

If you ride a bicycle on campus secure it to an immovable object using a hardened alloy lock and chain or U-shaped lock.

College Hill Road is the main thoroughfare between the North and South campus and is a busy county roadway. There are two designated crosswalks on College Hill Road for students to cross in. The first is located at Martin's Way and the second at the Bundy Residence Hall. Do not step into either crosswalk on College Hill Road unless you know for certain that an approaching driver will stop. According to NYS law drivers are required to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, however, pedestrians are prohibited from "walking into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impractical for the driver to yield," and vehicles always have the right of way where there is no designated crosswalk. Both the law and common sense dictate that you should always cross in a crosswalk after stopping and looking in both directions.

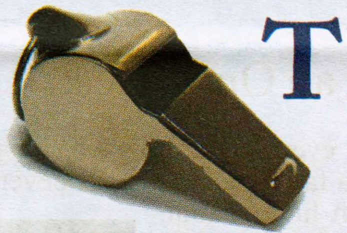
Finally, if you see something, say something! Call Campus Safety for anything that seems suspicious, out of the ordinary or just doesn't seem right to you. That's what we are here for!

I ask each of you to make responsible choices, discourage careless behavior, and to promptly report suspicious activity. It is our pleasure to work with every member of the Hamilton community as we strive to achieve our goals.

-- Fran Manfredo, director of Campus Safety: 315-859-4141

Sometimes I think first-years are confused by this, so let me clarify. The Hamilton Point System does NOT work like the Hogwarts Point System. They are bad, you do not want them, avoid getting them. If you're not sure if a certain behavior is a violation, check out the chart to the **right**. It would be a shame if your relationship with Campus Safety got off to a bad start, considering that the Campus Safety officers should be counted among your most reliable friends at Hamilton. All day every day, they are looking out for your best interest.

-- Kate Moore '12,
News Editor Emeritus



The Point System

Violation	Points
Open container of alcohol	1
Possession of alcohol under 21	1-2
Excessive noise	1-2
Violation of smoking policy	1-2
False identification	1-2
Possession of drug paraphernalia	1-2
Failure to comply with a college official	1-4
Disruptive or lewd behavior	1-6
Serving alcohol to minors	2-4
Violation of bulk alcohol policy	2-6
Aggressive physical behavior	2-10
Failure to leave building during fire alarm	3
*Possession or use of hard alcohol	+3
Marijuana use and/or possession	3-6
Weapons policy violation	3-10
Theft	4-10
Intentional or reckless destruction of college or private property	4-10
Disabling a smoke detector	6
Discharge of fire extinguisher	6-8
Illegal drug use and/or possession (not marijuana)	6-10
Hazing	6-10
Altering/falsifying college documents	6-10
Physical violence	6-10
Driving under the influence	10
Distribution of illegal/controlled substances	10

What to do on...

Class of 2016, I've gotta hand it to you–you chose well. Hamilton College ranked in U.S. News & World Report's Top 20 Liberal Arts Colleges this year; Colgate didn't. We've made a ton of other really cool lists, too, like the top ten schools for aspiring writers and The Daily Beast's 'happiest' and 'horniest' schools of 2011. Not bad, Hamilton. Not bad at all. But as a former Admission employee and overall enthusiast on the whole college decisions process, I can't help but be a little curious about what made you come here. Why was Hamilton the one? Was it the open curriculum? The 9:1 student-faculty ratio? Cute tour guide? It's cool–we were all you once. One thing's for sure: You didn't choose Hamilton for its location. Clinton, NY (human population approx. 2000; cow population approx. same) is a rural suburb of beaten-down industrial Utica, but if you're hailing from the New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, or Los Angeles metropolitan areas, you'll find the 'urban' nomenclature a little hard to swallow. In fact, you probably (like me) had a minor panic attack when you realized you were going to school in Clinton, NY. An arts and culture junkie, I was convinced the town had nothing to offer me besides a nice place to go to college. But Oneida County isn't all grasslands and grazing, and Clinton is definitely not the middle of nowhere. Close to it, but not it. I didn't even know about most of what the school and its surrounding area had to offer until I was a big, bad sophomore, so consider yourselves ahead of the curve as you read through this handy dandy guide.

by Bonnie Wertheim '14
Production Editor

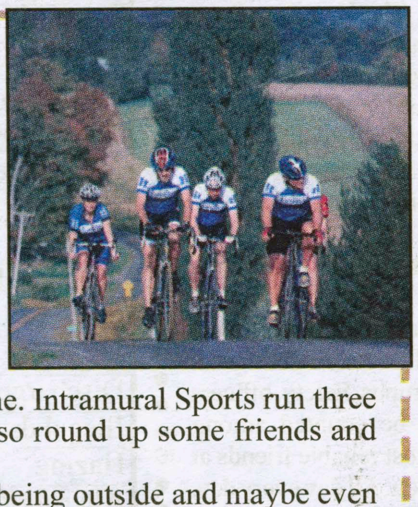
Enjoy the campus!

Hamilton is pretty campus-centric. A lot of people go so far as to call it a 'bubble,' which I think is the worst and makes the self-containedness of the College seem like a bad thing. You'll quickly realize that it's actually a great thing. No car? No worries! Here are some cool things you can do inside the confines of your Hamil-town (Yeah, I like puns. Wanna mess? Too bad—I'm abroad!).

It's always time for an Opus break

Let's start this list the way every good thing—and especially every good morning—should begin: with a fantastic Café Opus beverage. You're college kids now, and if you didn't in high school, you'll probably have to pull at least one all-nighter this year. Without the aid of caffeine, it just won't work. Luckily, there's a student-run café with two on-campus locations where you can stock up before you stay up. And this is the good stuff. I've been patronizing Starbucks all summer, and with every unsatisfying sip, I find myself longing more and more for Opus. In addition to brewing great drinks, the café also serves a variety of pastries (muffins, cookies, brownies, etc.) and lunch options that rotate every week.

Keep off that freshman fifteen!

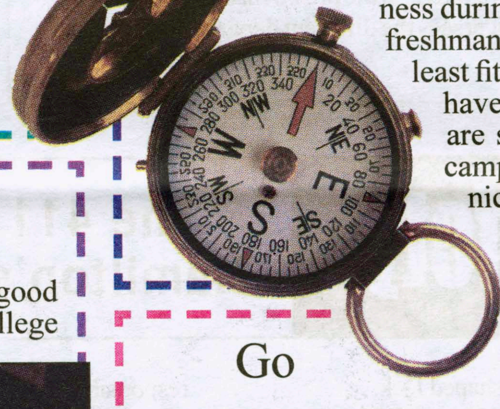


We may not be a Big Ten school, but we do have sports at Hamilton. Walk over to one of the athletic fields on a nice day and watch a game. Maybe you even have a friend who's in the 'Cac and plays a sport? Then you can make a reunion out of the whole thing. How nice for you!

Maybe you aren't a varsity athlete. Or maybe you are! Sorry for being presumptuous. But either way, you can still play sports at a less-competitive level if you're looking to just enjoy the game. Intramural Sports run three seasons at Hamilton—fall, winter and spring—so round up some friends and get your game on.

If you're really not sporty, but you still like being outside and maybe even like the environment a little, you should check out the Hamilton Community Farm. You can create your own plot in the garden, which is located right behind the Co-Op, or just lend a hand pulling weeds on a sunny day. Disclaimer: You might end up with a farmer's tan.

Have a Glenventure!



You do a lot of walking when you get to college. I actually remember experiencing some soreness during my first week of first-semester freshman classes, but I'm also probably the least fit or athletically inclined person to have existed ever. It's just that there are so many nice places to walk on campus, and the Glen is a particularly nice one. Make sure you stretch your legs and clear your mind there at some point.

Go to a concert

If you like Opus' fare, you should check out CAB's Acoustic Coffeehouses, which are held on Thursday evenings in the Barn. The café caters these monthly live music sessions with coffee and hot chocolate, and if you want it while it's hot, you should arrive early. Most of the acts are up-and-comers on the indie scene, but last year, we were lucky enough to have Marketa Irglova from Once grace campus. No matter who's performing, Acoustic Coffeehouse will give you a chance to step away from work on a Thursday night and make you eligible to win artist swag (CDs, etc.) and mugs from Clinton Pottery.

My favorite part of the Hamilton performance scene is CAB's annual October concert. My freshman year's lineup—Sleigh Bells opening for LCD Soundsystem—was unreal, considering LCD was on their final tour, and Janelle Monáe with Body Language this past year was just a giant dance party. You definitely won't want to miss this fall's musical acts.

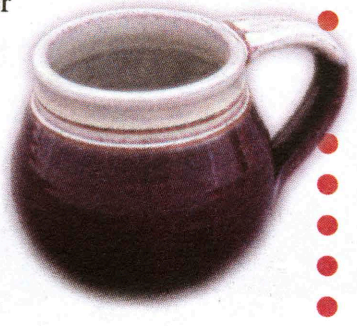
... and off-campus

Explore downtown Clinton

A walk down the Hill leads you into the Village of Clinton, which will satisfy the barest of your needs. There's a supermarket, a dollar store, a bank, two pharmacies, a McDonald's… Without a doubt, you can survive here. I've been doing it for two whole years!

In a small town like Clinton, though, you can find small businesses that are a little more niche than shopping malls that ooze America. Take Clinton Pottery, for example. Within a week of being at Hamilton, you'll have seen five thousand of these mugs around campus. And as potter Jonathan Woodward will tell you when you visit his shop, his products are designed such that you really can walk and sip.

Or walk and shop! Clinton has a pretty cool boutique and thrift store scene. Go to WINK! Go to Paddywacks! Go to Krizia Martin! Go to Salvation Army, for Pete's sake! This might be the last time in your life when it will be socially acceptable to wear other people's trash.

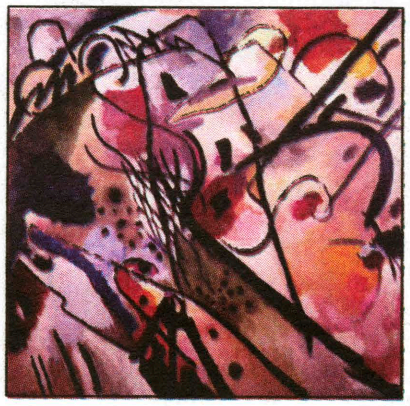


Let's go to the mall, today!

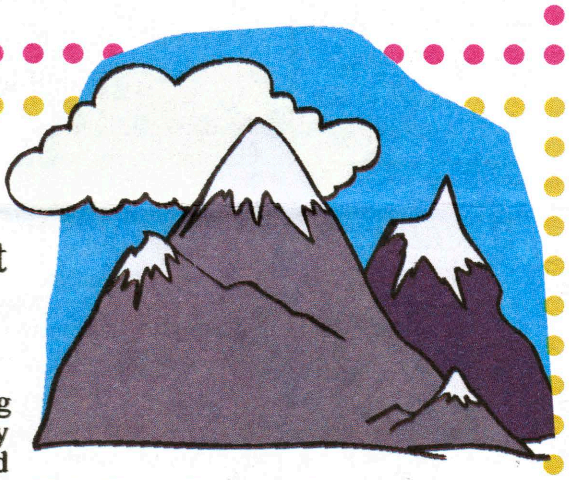
But if you need a little more than d-town C-town can offer, go to Sangertown Square in New Hartford. The shopping mall has a few department stores, a Verizon kiosk (that won't be able to help you if you have, like, water damage, but it's a start), a Hot Topic (Middle school nostalgia? Anybody? Just me?) and a Target, among other fine establishments.

Utilize Utica

Sure, we just got that shiny, new museum on campus, but you should still stop by the Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute if you get a chance. I heard the Ansel Adams exhibit earlier this year was incredible.



Venture into the great outdoors



If you're not a big shopper, and you enjoy hiking, biking, skiing and the like, join the Outing Club. For a flat annual rate, you're able to borrow gear from the Glen House whenever you want to and go on organized trips with people who share your love of the great outdoors.

A bite outside the bubble

Go to one, or many, of the restaurants Emma recommends (see page 12), but especially go to Minar (RIP Indian Café). Also, have dinner at one of your professors' houses. Well, don't go if you aren't invited, but you probably will be at least once before you graduate. And I promise, you won't regret going.

Wreak HAVOC

Does community service make you feel awesome? Involve yourself with the Hamilton Association for Volunteering, Outreach and Charity, better known as HAVOC, and you'll be off-campus all the time working on projects and helping people in the surrounding area. I recommend checking out Spring Farm Cares, a shelter in Clinton where you can socialize (aka play with) lots of kittens and rabbits.

Ten things to know about the Hamilton food scene

By Emma Laperruque '15
News Editor

1. Our dining halls deserve kudos, not complaints. By now you've most likely heard at least 10 horror stories about college food. So what's the story about our this college? Indeed, there will be those nights when you'll wander around Commons, find nothing you want, and soon take solace in that stale bag of Doritos in your room. But this happens infrequently—usually the day before a break—and altogether, the food here is above par. Recommendations: waffles for brunch; granola from the cereal station; chocolate chip cookies from McEwen; veggie enchiladas; sushi, for lunch from Commons; ice cream, all day, erry-day.

2. The dining halls aren't open past 8 p.m., but other places other are—and they deliver. The Howard Diner (Beinecke Student Activities Village, right next to the mail center) is open till midnight (later on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights for "Diner B"). The Diner, alas, does not deliver, but off-campus places like Pizza Place do. Pizza Place ((315) 853-2100) is open till 1:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, and uniquely offers the "Super Pie," a 24-inch pizza. It's perfect for all-nighters with friends (and/or gaining the freshman fifteen).

3. Early fall semester means two things: the last shard of good weather you'll see until May and the Clinton Cider Mill. When it's lovely enough outside to wear your plaid shirt without your coat, take advantage of the weather, and walk down the hill to the Cider Mill, located at 28 Elm Street. Cherished for its fresh-from-the-fryer doughnuts and house-made cider, this place is a seasonal gem in central New York. Additionally, they sell fruit butters, pies, pastries, and even Clinton Pottery mugs (you'll see them everywhere once upperclassmen arrive on campus).

TIP: McEwen is closed on the weekend!

4. Step aside Starbucks! "Opus" is your new favorite café. Never heard of it? Probably because it's Hamilton-exclusive. (Lucky us!) The caffeine-haven called Café Opus has two locations on campus: respectively, Opus 1 is on the first floor of McEwen Hall and Opus 2 is on the first floor of the Taylor Science Center. O1 sends out an oh-so-funny (especially at 1 a.m.) lunch menu every week. Much sought-after items include the falafel pita, the quesadilla, and, of course, the mango-brie panini (get there early, they sell out like hotcakes mango-brie paninis). O2 also serves lunch and its menu can be found online. Veggie chili is at O2 every day and it's damn good. Aside from lunch, the all-vegetarian cafés serve fantastic drinks—from medicinal teas to dirty chai lattes to regular coffee—as well as muffins, chocolate-covered espresso beans, trail mix, and frighteningly addictive cookies.

5. Central New York pizza is meh, but pizza parlors around here are more than they seem. "New York pizza" is supposed to be great, right? Well. New York City pizza, yes. Up in these parts, not so much. Don't expect to find the best pizza of your life around here, but don't discount the pizza places either. With average to good pizzas, they put out some other great food. Giovanni's (315-853-770) makes the best eggplant parm sandwich I've ever had, right in their pizza oven. Italian restaurants in the area also specialize in "Chicken Riggies," a Utica dish made with rigatoni pasta, chicken, and a spicy tomato sauce. Yum.

TIP: if you bring bacon to the egg station for breakfast, they'll add it to your scramble.

6. You can "go Greek" as soon as you get here. I don't mean rushing—that blissful experience comes later on in the year. The Greek food in the area is quite good and you should definitely check it out as soon as you can. Two places I've been to and enjoyed very much: Symeon's (4941 Commercial Drive, Yorkville) and Acropolis (621 James Street). You'll need a car to get to both, but finding someone to drive you shouldn't be too hard. You needn't say much more than "baklava."

7. Indian Café passed away last year, but it lives on in New Hartford. Please queue the funeral music. The jeweled prize of a restaurant called Minar Indian Café closed in Clinton last year. (I may or may not have teared up when I heard about it.) Out-of-this-world samosas, chicken tikka masala, and saag paneer, and all-you-can-eat buffets on Thursday nights. Sigh! It's gone now, but the flagship restaurant, located at 609 French Road in New Hartford, is still thriving. While it's not walking distance, finding transportation should be—like the Greek food—incredibly easy.

8. Everyone goes to Nola's for Family Weekend. Seriously. They book reservations a month in advance. Check out the menu online and if it looks like the place for your and the fam', call 315-853-3052, ASAP. That said, there are other places that are just as good as Nola's and not as Ham-crowded as the dining hall. Michael's Fine Food and Spirits (7672 State Route 20, Waterville) has great Italian. And while I'd almost never recommend a pan-Asian restaurant, Asian Bistro (120 Genesee Street, New Hartfood) puts out a nice mix of Chinese, Japanese and Thai.

TIP: you can access the dining halls' weekly menus online at http://www.cafebonappetit.com/menu/your-cafe/hamilton/

9. It's Monday, "Challah!" Challah for Hunger is a volunteer organization with over 40 chapters which make and sell challah to benefit charities that fight hunger and aid disaster relief. Hamilton's chapter works through HAVOC, and braids and bakes fresh bread on a weekly basis. In the past, challah's been sold Monday night in the Kirner-Johnson auditorium (late-night study snack, anyone?). Check your email for the specific time this year. The bread comes in a bunch of de-licious varieties, like cinnamon-sugar and chocolate chip.

10. Never eat dinner in the dining hall on Saturday night. No, I'm not encouraging ano-behavior. Just the opposite, actually. Saturday means Diner Equivalency Night at the Howard Diner. If you save your dinner swipe, you can cash it in for a free pint of Ben & Jerry's. It sounds too good to be true, I know! Just wait till the first Saturday night here. The Diner will be filled with people, each with their own pint of ice cream, and for skipping out on that skeptical chicken pot pie, you can join them. Welcome to college.

TIP: make nachos in Commons by microwaving shredded cheese in the salad bar onto tortilla chips.

TRANSFER SURVIVAL GUIDE

By Julia Grace Brimelow '14
News Editor

Coming to the Hill as a transfer student is a whole different game than navigating the first-year transition to college. You are new to Hamilton, but not new to college. You are tired of being mistaken for a freshman and you can't wait until the registrar finally accepts that last credit from your previous college.

I've been there and I want you to know that things get easier.

Transfers come to Hamilton with a different perspective on college. You are here because you wanted a change and you thought that Hamilton would be a better fit. But now you've arrived, your room on the Dark Side is unpacked and all you can think about is the daunting reality that you have to do it all over again: getting through orientation, making new friends, learning a new email system, navigating a new campus.

The key to settling in is to look forward, not backward. Don't dwell on your past experience with college, but realize that you have the chance to start all over at a school that better matches your personal and academic aspirations. As you navigate your first few weeks on the Hill, keep the following tips in mind to help you make a seamless transfer transition:

1. Don't feel like you're destined to have only first-year friends.

The social scene at Hamilton is incredibly fluid. After the first few months of school, class year matters less and friendships develop based more on common interests than class year. More so than at other schools, friend groups at Hamilton tend to span the spectrum from first-years to seniors. While distancing yourself from first-years may seem like a priority now, the reality is that first-years will become just as important a part of the campus community as upperclassmen. Make an effort during orientation and the first few weeks of school to meet younger students.

The key to meeting upperclassmen is getting involved on campus. Joining a sports team is a great way to meet students from all class years and you don't need to be a varsity athlete to play on a team. Intramural and club sports such as Dodgeball, Rugby and Sailing actively recruit new members from all class years. Feeling like part of a team can really help your transition to life on the Hill and, while some teams practice every weekday, others meet only occasionally, so you aren't necessarily wedding yourself to a huge time commitment.

2. Go dorm-hopping.

People at Hamilton are really open to meeting new people, especially on Friday and Saturday nights. Wandering around campus might seem lame, but you will nearly always run into people who will invite you in, especially in the suites (Milbank and Babbitt). Most sophomores live down the Hill in Bundy East and Bundy West. If you are interested in meeting more people in your grade, the Bundy dorms are definitely good places to start.

3. Seek out other transfers.

Because Hamilton accepts transfer students each semester, there are a lot of kids on campus who have made the transfer transition just like you. After five days of orientation with the other Fall 2012 transfers, meeting more transfers might be the last thing on your mind. But it is always nice to talk to someone who has been in your shoes. This year, Residential Life has jump-started this process by organizing a Transfer Mixer on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Little Pub. Past transfer students will be there, along with all the Orientation Leaders who transferred to Hamilton themselves.

4. Don't dwell.

Keep yourself from comparing everything at Hamilton to your past college—You are a Continental now! I know that with people constantly asking you where you transferred from and why you transferred, it can sometimes be hard to see yourself as a legitimate Hamilton student. The truth, of course, is that nobody knows that you are a transfer unless you bring it up. You applied and were accepted to Hamilton just like everyone else; you are not a second-class student just because you missed out on a first-year at Hamilton. Keep moving forward, meeting new people and don't let your past dictate your future.

Care to rage? Hamilton's top social spaces

by Keith MacArtney '13
Managing Editor

While hanging out in the dorms never really gets old, sometimes we Hamiltonians are looking to extend our horizons to larger gatherings known as all-campus parties. In shorter terms, Hamilton likes to party, and we are very good at it. Various campus groups, such as societies and sports teams, have the ability to claim a campus social space for the night to host a party. The top social spaces on the Hill are the Annex, E.L.S. basement, the Hub, Bundy and, last but far from least, Diner B. Campus DJs are definitely the hottest kids on campus on these special all-campus party nights, unless of course the group chooses to go all out and get a live band. Either way, Hamiltonians are bound to line up at the door, ready to rage. After all, we all came to Central New York to party, right?

Tolles Pavilion
"The Annex"

For the blow-out ragers and concerts, you will find yourself standing in line to enter the Tolles Pavilion, most commonly known as "The Annex." Once you get passed this first step, you will wade through a sea of red cups to the dance floor, where you won't be able to resist the beats. You are bound to have an awesome time here, no matter the occasion. Some of the most famous parties held in the Annex throughout the year include Farm Party, Beach Party and Rocky Horror. Don't be afraid to go all out, as this is definitely the norm here at Hamilton.

Sadove Basement
"E.L.S. Basement"

Down under the student center and bookstore, you will find the Basement. Prior to birth of the Sadove Student Center, the E.L.S. basement was a dark hole in the ground, decked out with graffiti and exposed plumbing. It was formerly a heart of the Hamilton campus, and is working hard to regain that prestige. Here, you will now find flashing lights, loud music and an overall great time. Don't worry – the space still has that gloomy basement feel that makes a party wild.

The Bristol Hub
"The Hub"

Feeling classy? Put on your fancy pants, and mosey on down the hill to the Bristol Hub. A typical hub party will serve only the finest – boxed wine and potato chips. The hub is home to formals, mixers and smaller group gatherings. In true college fashion, the classy parties don't always end as refined as they begin. You may find yourself dancing on the bar. Just go with it. Crazy stunts always lead to great memories.

Bundy Dining Hall
"Bundy"

Looking to get down on the dance floor? Hike on down to Bundy Dining Hall– perhaps the most infamous of Hamilton social spaces. No, it is no longer a dining hall, but several fun beverages are still served. Some of the traditional Bundy parties include Jungle Juice, Heaven & Hell and Wet Hot American Summer. But consider this fair warning: What happens in Bundy stays in Bundy. It is a sacred space, and the hike up from a Bundy party is a definite rite of passage.

Howard Diner Late Night
"Diner B"

After a long night dancing your face off in one of those four glorious social spaces that I mentioned before, you are bound to need a snack. But don't think you're going to be able to stop dancing. On weekend nights, the Howard Diner is open late night for breakfast, or, as we lovingly call it, "Diner B." Not only will you find the most truly delectable bacon, egg and cheese sandwich, but you will also become well acquainted with the many one-hit wonders of the Diner jukebox. Some classics include Cher, Bon Jovi, Third Eye Blind, Jock Jams and, of course, "Build Me Up, Buttercup." Singing at the absolute top of your lungs is mandatory. Diner B is the ultimate Hamilton experience that you will never forget.

*Note: Please enjoy these spaces responsibly. No one likes a party pooper.

Looking forward & thinking ahead

Sirianna Santacrose explains how you can get a head start on your career while still up on the Hill

By Sirianna Santacrose '15
Sports Editor

When you arrive on campus for the first time, there will be a lot to do. You'll need to unpack your room, figure out where your classes are for the first day and decide what clubs and groups to join. The last thing on your mind may be getting an on-campus job and starting to gain career-related experience in preparation for your graduation from Hamilton. Heck, you just got here! But starting to think about employment opportunities early will help you be better prepared for the future.

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> *- Mary McLean Evans '82, Assistant Vice President and Executive Director of the Career Center*

The Career Center is an excellent resource for any step in exploring future careers and planning for internship and employment opportunities. Located on the third floor of the Bristol Center, 13 Peer Advisors are available to help students with any step of their career planning, from drafting the first copy of your résumé to searching for career-related opportunities in your area or even around the world.

"Peer Advisors have been selected based on their own experiences and capabilities and will be particularly helpful to those new students just beginning the career exploration process," said Mary McLean Evans '82, Assistant Vice President and Executive Director of the Career Center. "Whether you have a clear sense of your post-graduate plans, or if you have no idea what your future holds, we encourage you to come to the Career Center for assistance and guidance."

This fall the Career Center will host two types of workshops to help to introduce first-years to the resources available for those looking for employment or thinking ahead to the future. In the workshop "How to Get an On-Campus Job," a member of the Career Center staff and a member of the Student Employment Office will guide first-years through the necessary steps to acquire an on-campus job during their first year. Part of the workshop will consist of an introduction to HamNet, the online program that allows students to search and apply for on- and off-campus internships and jobs. This workshop will be held several times throughout the start of the fall semester. The first one is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 4 p.m. in KJ 127.

The other workshop hosted by the Career Center will concentrate on career planning during the first year of college. It will emphasize the ways in which students can utilize the Career Center to gain career-related experience. One purpose of this workshop will be to familiarize first-years with the four Career Center "Milestones," the first of which is to draft a college résumé by the end of one's first year. The workshop will also provide advice on how joining activities and clubs can help you meet new people, establishing connections, and diversify your résumé. This workshop will be held at least three times during the fall semester, including once in mid-September.

Additionally, the Career Center will host a regular series of workshops on "How to Write a Résumé," which will be held throughout the fall. Whether you are looking to beef up your résumé, establish connections with members of the Career Center, or just want more information on how to gain employment during your first year at Hamilton, the Career Center workshops will be great resources to use. And remember, while it may seem early to start thinking about a career after college, you will no-doubt hear that your four years at Hamilton will go by way too fast. So start planning early, use the Career Center often, and you will be well on your way to gaining employment opportunities in no time!

Call the Career Center at **(315) 859-4246** or stop by to make an appointment with Peer Advisors and/or Counselors.

The Career Center is located on the third floor of the Bristol Center, which is on Campus Road across from the Chapel.

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- *The Spectator* Editorial Staff -

SPECTATOR SPORTS

Year in Review

Bicentennial sports success: Last year's Continentals leave 2012-13 athletes with a tough act to follow

by Kendall Weir '12
Sports Editor Emeritus

Five All-Americans. A NESCAC player of the year. A back-to-back national champion. Not to mention, Jeremy Lin made a surprise appearance on the Hill in the midst of Linsanity, which once dominated sports media across the globe. Looking back at the 2011-12 athletic year on the Hill, current Hamilton College athletes have a tough act to follow.

The Hamilton women's crew team finished the season ranked tenth in the country, topping off one of their most successful seasons to date. They somehow managed to stay quiet while winning their way to become Hamilton's most successful sport in 2011-12. Additionally, Holly Bailey '12 earned All-American honors; she is the first rower to earn such recognition in the program's history. Bailey was a key part of the team's varsity eight for three seasons.

The team, which ranked third in the New York Region at season's end, lost Bailey and several other stars to graduation. Antonia Villa '12 earned ECAC all-conference recognition, the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association named Sophie Breene '12 to their national scholar-athlete list and the team also loses an invaluable senior leader and three year letter winner in Virginia Slattery '12.

Prior to the start of the 2011-12 men's lacrosse season, the Hamilton team hardly knew what to expect in their first season as a member of the NESCAC; Tufts had finished the previous season as the NCAA runner-up and the season before that the Jumbos took home the NCAA title. Nonetheless, the Continentals walked away from last year's spring season having graduated the NESCAC player of the year and having debuted in the conference playoffs.

In the Continentals' first full season in the NESCAC, Jon Leanos '12 was a unanimous coaches' choice for All-NESCAC first team honors. He totaled 50 points throughout the year, including a team-high 29 goals. He made the difference with two game-winning goals and left a legacy at Hamilton, given that he ranks fourth all-time on Hamilton's points list. Friends and fans alike returning to the Hill will remember his decorated Continental career and attackmen Paul Armideo '14 and Chris Whelan '13 have enormous shoes to fill this upcoming year.

Maggie Rosenbaum '14 has won two national championships in two attempts, leading the Hamilton community to believe that the sky is truly the limit for her junior and senior seasons.

"I'm going to get back to work and try to take next year as a brand new season," Rosenbaum said after winning the 100 back last season, "without any expectations that are based on what happened this season."

Rosenbaum has her own tough act to follow this upcoming season; however, the combination of her drive, persistence, outlook on the future and humility is rare when it comes to college athletics and this former sports editor can certainly envision Rosenbaum making an enormous splash on the Hill with a three-peat.

It goes without saying that the accomplishments of Hamilton's athletes a year ago were tremendous.

However, Vince Lombardi once said, "leadership has two key dimensions: creating the vision of the future, and inspiring others to make the vision a reality."

Hamilton's athletes of 2012-13 are now on the clock.

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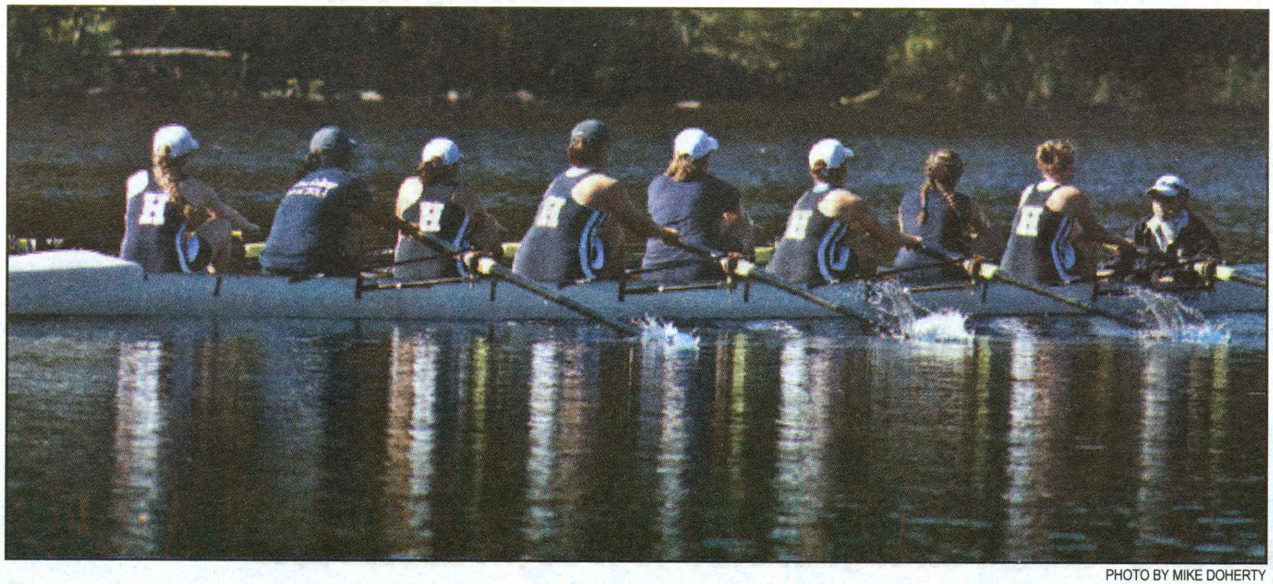
Jeremy Lin's suprise appearance on the Hill sparked a lot of buzz.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The women's rowing team put a string of wins together in preparation for the New York State Championships and ECAC Championships.

PHOTO BY SARA MEISSNER '13

Jon Leanos '12 was a unanimous coaches' choice for All-NESCAC first team honors.

The Hours You Can Never Remember

Cut these out; no matter how long you've been here you always forget them when you need them

Commons

Breakfast Mon–Sun	7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Lunch Mon–Fri	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Snack Mon–Fri	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Dinner Mon–Sun	5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Brunch Sat–Sun	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

McEwen (all hours are Mon–Fri)

Breakfast	7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Lunch	11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Dinner	4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.*

*No dinner served on Friday

Diner

Mon–Fri	9 a.m. – midnight
Sat/Sun	3 p.m. – midnight
Diner B (Th–Sat)	midnight – 4 a.m.

Opus 1 & Opus 2

Mon–Wed	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.; 7 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Th/Fri	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Euphoria Smoothies

Mon–Fri	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday	12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Graveyard

24 hours.. Enter at your own risk!

Library

Mon–Th	8 a.m. – 2 a.m.
Friday	8 a.m. – midnight
Saturday	10 a.m. – midnight
Sunday	10 a.m. – 2 a.m.

Music Library

Mon – Th	9:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Friday	9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	noon – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	noon – 11 p.m.

Writing Center

Mon–Th	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday	noon – 10 p.m.

(open after hours for computer use)

Q Lit Center

Mon–Th	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Mon–Th	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Sunday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Bookstore

Mon–Fri	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Registrar

Mon–Fri	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dean of Students Office

Mon–Fri	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Residential Life

Mon–Fri	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Career Center

Mon–Fri	9 a.m. – noon; 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Mon–Wed	7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Mail Center (all hours are Mon–Fri)

Stamps	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Packages	10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Health Center

Mon/Tu/Th/Fri	8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m; 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. – 12 p.m; 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Counseling Center

Mon–Fri	8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fitness Center

Mon–Fri	6 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Sat–Sun	9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Alumni Gym

Mon–Fri	8 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sat–Sun	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Climbing Wall

Mon–Th	4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Sat–Sun	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Squash Courts

Mon–Fri	8 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Sat–Sun	10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Ice Rink (open skate Jan–Feb)

Sun–Fri	12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

DISCLAIMER: Hours may change throughout the year as places finalize schedules. Keep an eye out for updated hours of places of interest.